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Short Term Forecast Issued, Heavy Downpours and Thunderstorms Expected

The National Weather Service (NWS), Weather Forecast Office Guam issued a **short term forecast** for Guam. Through 3:30 p.m., slow moving thunderstorms will bring heavy downpours and occasional lightning to much of Guam and nearby waters. Areas with heavier showers could see up to an inch and a half of rain.

If driving, be alert for reduced visibilities and ponding of water along roadways

Boaters can expect visibility down to a quarter of a mile with wind gusts to 15 knots in heavy showers. If thunder is heard or lightning is seen, boaters are advised to get below deck and avoid touching metal parts. For those near the shores, return to harbor until weather has improved.

A **thunderstorm advisory** is in effect for the Guam International Airport until 3:00 p.m. this afternoon. Thunderstorms are expected within 5 nautical miles of the airport. Be alert and take precautions as required.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise the community to practice extreme caution while traveling in rainy conditions, driving below the speed limit and allowing enough braking distance between vehicles.

Visit the following links for the latest information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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